

THE CHRISTIAN ADVENT  
SOCIETY OF BRIMFIELD

1867-1890 MINUTES

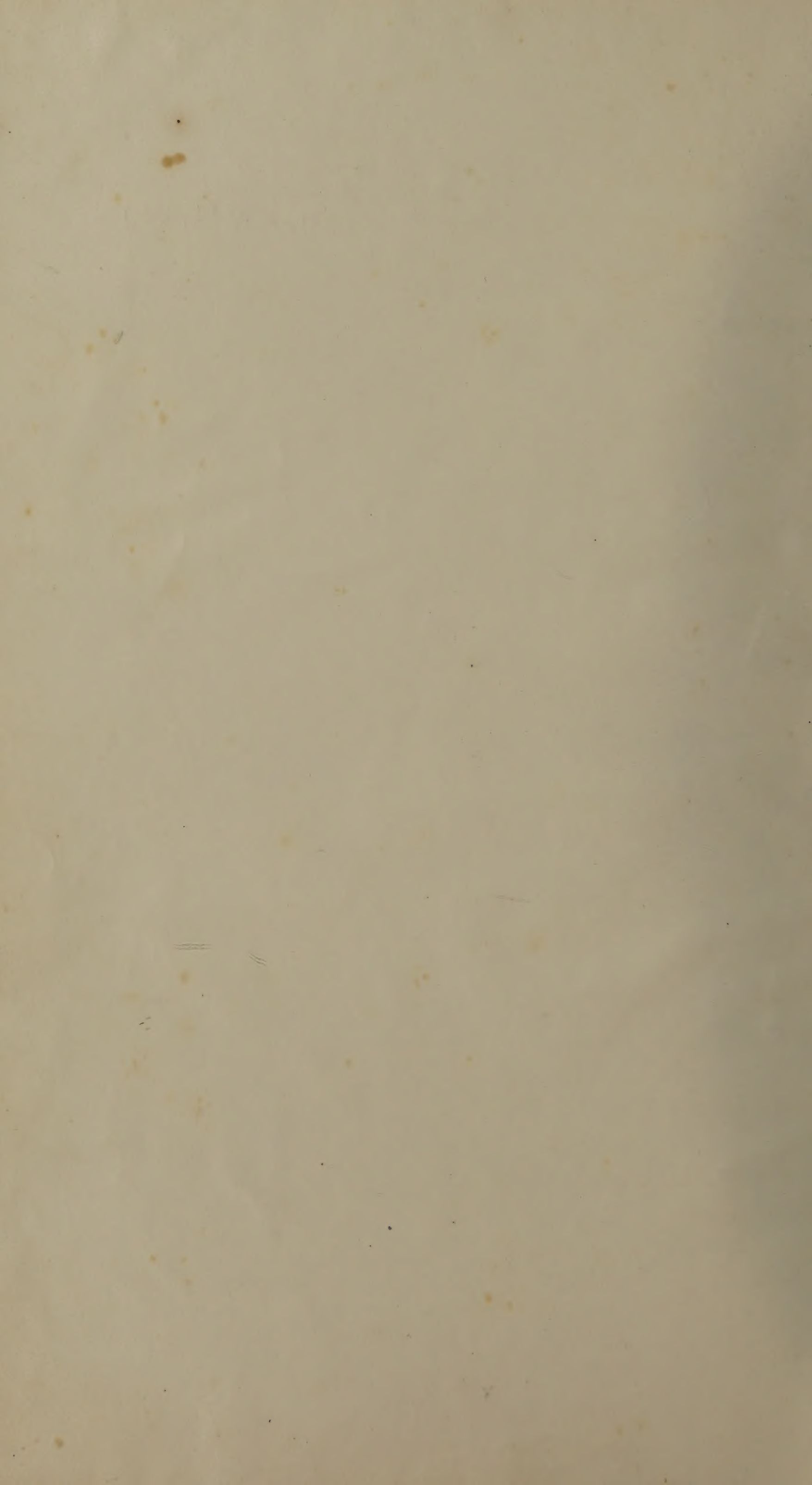




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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden County ss,

To Ira B Brown of Brimfield,  
in said county,

Greeting,  
Whereas Abbigence W Griggs and ten other persons  
associated to form an Incorporated Parish or Religious  
Society in the town of Brimfield under the name  
of the Christian Advent Society of Brimfield  
have applied to me Henry F Brown one of the  
Justices of the peace in and for said county, request-  
ing me to issue a warrent directed to one of said  
applicants directing him to call a meeting of said  
persons according to law to act upon articles mention<sup>ed</sup>  
in the annexed application,

You are hereby directed to notify a meeting  
of said persons according to law to be held, at the  
building lately erected near the Dwelling house of  
Braman Sibly, in Brimfield and used as a place of  
Public worship by the aforesaid applicants and others,  
on Saturday the sixth day of July next at one o  
clock in the afternoon for the purposes aforesaid,

Given under my hand at said  
Brimfield this Eighteenth day of June A.D 1867,

Henry F Brown  
Justice of the Peace,

Pursuant to the within warrent to me directed I  
have notified said persons to meet at the time  
and place and for the purposes within named  
dated at Brimfield this first day of July 1867.

Ira B Brown,



To Henry F. Brown Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The subscribers proposing to build or procure a house of publick worship in the town of Brimfield for the use of the Advent Church are desirous of becoming an Incorporated Parish or Religious Society under the name of the "Christian Advent Society" of Brimfield and request you to issue a warrant to one of the undersigned hereby applying to you directing him to call a meeting of said applicants in accordance with law to be held at the building lately erected near Braman Silby and as a place of meeting in Brimfield on the sixth day of July at one o'clock in the afternoon for the following object, viz,

- First To choose a Clerk for said Religious Society,
- Second To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,
- Third To choose all such officers as Religious Societies are by law authorised to choose at their annual meeting,
- Fourth To decide at what time in March or April of each succeeding year the annual Meeting for the choice of officers shall be held,
- Fifth To direct in what manner future meetings of the Society shall be warned, and where the same shall be held,
- Sixth To see what Rules the Society will adopt for the admission of persons who may wish to become members of said Society,
- Seventh To see if the Society will build or procure by other means a house of publick worship, and if so, decide upon a location for the same, pass all votes and orders, also choose all committees and Agents necessary to carry the same into effect,



Eight

To see what measures the Society will adopt to raise money, to defray the expenses of building or procuring a Church.

Dated Brimfield June 18<sup>th</sup> 1867.

James		
A W Griggs Deceased		
J E Winsworth Deceased	1	
Ira B Brown	11	2
James R Brown	11	3
E Wetherell	11	4
J C Burnham	11	5
George E Lee Deceased		6
Eli Powers Deceased		7
Walter Haynes	11	8
Rufus Baker	11	9
Norman Wright	11	10
Charles A Brown, withdrawn		
Sumner Parker Died Aug 30, 1884		
Charles H Baker	11	
Horakiah A Benson	11	
L H Benson	11	
P J Smith	11	
E Eldridge	11	
C E Parker		
Wm H Lyman	11	
E G Kingsbury, Died Jan 1888		
John W Brown		
Richard Arnold	11	
Frank D. Hiscock	11	
Silas Parker	11	



July 6<sup>th</sup> The subscribers to the foregoing application met at the place designated in the foregoing warrant and were called to order by Henry F. Brown Esq., after reading the warrant application and return on the same, the vote were received for a clerk,

John E. Ainsworth was declared elected and qualified by affirmation before H. F. Brown Esq. Justice of the Peace,

The vote were then received for a moderator Walter Haynes was elected and took the chair, voted to elect five trustees,

The following persons were elected Rufus Baker, Eli Powers, Ira B. Brown, O. W. Griggs, James C. Burnham,

voted to excuse Rufus Baker, Charles A. Brown was elected to fill the vacancy,

voted that the annual meeting of the Society be held the first <sup>Monday</sup> in April of each year,

voted that all persons wishing to join the Society shall make it known to the clerk of the same in writings, then be laid before the next meeting for action thereon,

voted that all future meetings of the Society be notified or warned by the clerk posting up an attested copy of the warrant therefore on the door of the Church of the Society seven days <sup>at least</sup> before the time of meeting,

voted that the seventh and eight article be passed over,

voted to dissolve the meeting,

A true Copy Attest,

John E. Ainsworth Clerk,



1868 Apr 4<sup>th</sup> The Advent Society met according to the current and were called to order by the clerk, the vote were received for a moderator,

John E. Hinworth was elected, and took the chair, the vote were then received for a clerk, J. E. Hinworth was elected.

voted to elect three trustees instead of five. the following persons were elected.

Elie Owen, Mr. Brown, Emma Withnell, voted to comply with C. S. Brown request to withdraw from the society.

voted that the deed of the land be kept in the hand of the clerk.

voted to dissolve the meeting.

at true copy attest.

J. E. Hinworth, Clerk,

1869 Apr 4<sup>th</sup> The Advent Society met according to the current and were called to order by the clerk, the vote were received for a moderator John E. Hinworth was elected.

The vote were then received for a clerk John E. Hinworth was elected.

voted that the same trustees be reelected.

voted to receive E. H. Brown and J. J. Smith into the society.

voted that the trustees see to the lighting and warming the house and bring in there bill at the next meeting.

voted to dissolve the meeting.

at true copy attest

J. E. Hinworth, Clerk



1871 Apr 4<sup>th</sup> The Advent Society met according to the warrant and were called to order by the clerk, the vote was taken for a moderator.

Frederic H. Benson was unanimously elected, after reading the warrant, a motion was made to adjourn to the thirtieth day of April one o'clock P.M. and was carried.

J. E. Stinsonworth, clerk.

Apr 30<sup>th</sup> The Adjourn Meeting<sup>met</sup> according to the warrant and were called to order by the moderator.

voted to receive the persons applied

votes were called for a clerk J. E. Stinsonworth was elected

votes were called for

trustees, the following persons were elected

E. Milnerd. & H. Griggs & J. Smith

voted that the trustees hold the keys to the Advent chapel.

voted that the trustees collect by subscription funds to defray the expense of lighting and warming the house, taking care of the same voted to adjourn the meeting

at true copy attested

J. E. Stinsonworth clerk

1871 April 3<sup>rd</sup> The Advent Society met according to the warrant and were called to order by the clerk, the votes were received for a moderator

J. E. Stinsonworth was elected

votes were called for a clerk J. E. Stinsonworth was elected

voted that the same board of trustees serve the year ensuing, after hearing the report of the trustees, voted that the trustees collect funds by subscription to pay the balance due the sexton ending April eighteen hundred seventy one.

voted to adjourn the meeting.

at true copy attested.

J. E. Stinsonworth clerk



1872 The student Society met according to the warrant  
and were called to order by the clerk, J. E. Stinsonworth  
was elected moderator,  
after some remarks voted to adjourn to the twenty  
fifth of Apr. four o'clock, P.M. 1872

Apr 25

J. E. Stinsonworth Clerk

The adjourned meeting met according to the warrant  
and were called to order by the moderator votes  
were received for a clerk, J. E. Stinsonworth was elected

votes were called

for trustees the following persons were elected  
E. Melhall, J. W. Griggs, J. S. Smith.

voted that

our annual meeting shall be held the first Wednesday  
after the first Monday in April instead of the first  
Monday

voted that

the trustees have charge of the house as to warming  
and lighting the same.

voted that the trustees

collect funds by subscription to defray the expenses  
of warming and lighting the house.

voted

to dissolve the meeting

A true copy attested

J. E. Stinsonworth, Clerk

1873

Apr 25 The student Society met according to the warrant  
and were called to order by the clerk.

Stinsonworth was elected moderator

votes were received for a clerk

J. E. Stinsonworth was elected

votes were called for trustees

the following persons were elected

E. Melhall, J. W. Griggs, and J. S. Brown.

voted that the

trustees employ some person to take charge of the house  
to open, fire and light the same when needed

voted

to dissolve the meeting

A true copy attested

J. E. Stinsonworth, Clerk.



1874 Apr 1<sup>st</sup> The Advent Society met according to warrant and were called to order by the clerk. After reading the warrant the following persons were received into the society Wm. H. Symon, and E. H. Kingsbury.

J. E. Hinworth was elected moderator. votes were taken for a clerk. J. E. Hinworth was elected.

It was voted that the same trustees serve the following year.

It was voted that the trustees have charge of the house. A. H. Griggs, & J. B. Brown.

were appointed, <sup>jointly</sup> on repairs, J. B. Brown.

to paint the house and collect the funds

by subscription, votes

to dissolve the meeting.

A true copy attest.  
J. E. Hinworth, clerk.

1875 Apr 1<sup>st</sup> The Advent Society met according to warrant and were called to order by the clerk. After reading the warrant the votes were called for a moderator.

J. E. Hinworth was elected. votes were called for a clerk.

J. E. Hinworth was elected. votes were called for trustees.

A. H. Griggs, E. Wetherell, J. B. Brown were elected.

It was voted that the trustees take charge of the house warming and lighting the same.

It was voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true copy attest,  
J. E. Hinworth, clerk.



1876 Apr 5<sup>th</sup> The Advent Society met according to warrant and were called to order by the clerk.

votes were received for a moderator, John E. Timmerworth was elected, votes were received for a clerk,

John E. Timmerworth was elected voted that the same trustees serve the year ensuing, also that they act as a committee to take charge of the house warming and lighting the same, voted that

Summer Parker be a committee to collect subscriptions to pay the preachers,

voted to dissolve the meeting,

A true copy attest,  
J. E. Timmerworth, clerk.

1877 Apr 4<sup>th</sup> The Advent Society met according to warrant and were called to order by the clerk

votes were received for a moderator, John E. Timmerworth was elected

votes were received for a clerk

John E. Timmerworth was elected

votes were received for trustees, the following persons were elected, W. Grigg, Summer Parker, and E. G. Kingsbury were elected,

voted that the trustees take charge of the house warming and lighting the same, also that T. B. Brown, be a committee to paint and patch the house at there charge

voted to dissolve the meeting

A true copy attest  
J. E. Timmerworth clerk



1882

August The Advent society met according to warrant and was called to order by the clerk. Votes were taken for moderator and resulted in the choice of J. A. Whitworth. O. E. Parker was chosen clerk for the ensuing year. The following are the names of those chosen trustees for the ensuing year. A. W. Briggs, Sumner Parker, C. S. Kingsley. Voted that the trustees take charge of the house for other business coming before the society it was moved and voted to dissolve.

O. E. Parker Clerk

1883

August The Advent society met according to warrant and was called to order by the clerk. Votes were taken for moderator and J. A. Whitworth was chosen. Votes were taken for clerk and O. E. Parker was chosen for one year. The following are the names of those chosen trustees for the ensuing year. Sumner Parker, A. W. Briggs, Geo. Bacon. On motion of J. A. Whitworth meeting dissolved.

O. E. Parker Clerk

1884

August The Advent society met according to warrant and was called to order by the clerk. Votes were taken for moderator and J. A. Whitworth was chosen. Votes were taken for clerk and O. E. Parker was chosen for one year. The following are the names of those chosen trustees for the ensuing year. Sumner Parker, A. W. Briggs, Geo. Bacon. On motion of J. A. Whitworth meeting dissolved.

O. E. Parker Clerk



1881

Apr 6th The Advent Society met according to warrant. In absence of the Clerk the meeting was called to order by O. E. Parker. O. E. Parker was chosen Moderator. Votes were taken for Clerk and O. E. Parker was chosen for the ensuing year. Voted to choose three Trustees. The following A. W. Griggs, Sumner Parker & Ira B. Brown were chosen for the ensuing year. Voted to leave all business pertaining to the Society in the hands of the Trustees. Voted to dissolve.

O. E. Parker Clerk.

1882

Apr 6th The Christian Advent Society met according to warrant and was called to order by the Clerk. J. E. Answorth was chosen Moderator. Votes were taken for Clerk and O. E. Parker was chosen. Votes were taken for three Trustees and resulted in the choice of A. W. Griggs, Sumner Parker and Emerson Wehner. Voted to leave all business pertaining to the Society with the Trustees. Voted to dissolve.

O. E. Parker Clerk

1883

Apr 4th The Christian Advent Society met according to warrant and was called to order by the Clerk. O. E. Parker was chosen Moderator. Voted to receive John H. Brown and Richard Arnold into the Society. Emerson Wehner, Ira B. Brown and Richard Arnold were chosen Trustees for the year ensuing. O. E. Parker was re-elected Clerk for the year ensuing. On a motion of J. E. Answorth the meeting was dissolved.

O. E. Parker Clerk



1884

Apr 9 The Christian Advent Society  
met according to warrant and was  
called to order by the clerk.  
O. E. Parker was Chosen Moderator.  
Voted that Frank D. Hiscock become  
a member of the Society.  
Ballots were called for clerk and resulted  
in the choice of O. E. Parker  
Ballots for Trustees Elected Emmerson  
Witherell, Ira B. Brown & Richard Arnold  
Voted to leave the care of the house with  
the Trustees. Voted to dissolve.  
O. E. Parker Clerk

1885

Apr 8th The Christian Advent Society  
met according to warrant and was  
called to order by the Clerk.  
O. E. Parker was Chosen Moderator  
Votes were called for Clerk resulting  
in the choice of O. E. Parker  
Voted that the same Trustees ~~be~~ viz.  
E. Witherell, I. B. Brown & Richard Arnold  
be Trustees for the ensuing year  
Voted that all repairs and care of house  
be left with the Trustees  
Voted to adjourn  
O. E. Parker Clerk

1886

Apr 8th The Christian Advent Society  
met according to warrant and was  
called to order by the clerk.  
O. E. Parker was Chosen Moderator  
" " " " Clerk for the  
ensuing year. Three Trustees were chosen  
for one year viz E. Witherell O. E. Parker  
and Richard Arnold  
Voted to adjourn  
O. E. Parker Clerk



1887 Apr 6th The Christian Advent Society met according to warrant and was called to order by the clerk. O. E. Parker was chosen moderator. Voted to adjourn to April 27th, 1887. O. E. Parker clerk.

1887 April 27 The Society met according to adjournment and was called to order by the moderator O. E. Parker.

O. E. Parker was chosen clerk for the year ensuing. Voted that E. Wetherel, Richard Arnold, and O. E. Parker serve as trustees for the year ensuing. Voted to adjourn. O. E. Parker Clerk.

1888 Apr 4 The Christian Advent Society met according to warrant and was called to order by the clerk. O. E. Parker was chosen moderator. It was voted that O. E. Parker be clerk for the year ensuing. Voted that the same persons serve as trustees, viz E. Wetherel Richard Arnold & O. E. Parker for the ensuing year. Voted that Bra Brown with the trustees be a committee to look after all repairs and improvements necessary. Voted to adjourn. O. E. Parker Clerk.

1889 Apr 3d. The Christian Advent Society met according to warrant and was called to order by the clerk. O. E. Parker was chosen moderator. Voted that Silas Parker be admitted to the Society. O. E. Parker was chosen clerk for the ensuing year. Voted to choose three trustees for one year. E. Wetherel, J. R. Brown & Silas Parker were chosen. Voted to leave the care of House &c. with the trustees. Voted to adjourn. O. E. Parker Clerk.



1890

Apr 9th. The Christian Advent Society  
met according to parant and was  
called to order by the Clerk.

O. E. Parker was Chosen Moderator,

O. E. Parker was Chosen Clerk for the  
year ensuing, on motion of B. W. Brown  
it was voted that the same board of  
trustees serve us another year  
viz. E. Wetzel, J. R. Brown, Silas Parker  
voted to adjourn

O. E. Parker Clerk







































